

1. IE Briefing

Mr. Kohler provided briefing addressing the following points: a) the fate of Dag Hagerstrand and his probable successor, b) coalition prospects as result of West German elections, c) the increase of internal pressures in East Germany marked by new legislation aimed at former border crossers, d) East German press commentary on Clay assignment, and e) Soviet note on the F-84 incident in the air corridors. Mr. Kohler commented on the provocative flight of Czech fighters into East Germany.

2. Difficulties in Dealing with New West German Government

The CDU's loss of a majority in the Bundestag handicaps our negotiating position with the Soviets. German diplomats will be unable to take a firm position in negotiations until after the party Congress in October.

3. White House Memo on Clay Mission

Various suggestions embodied in this Poston memorandum should be developed by the Task Force, including further development of the facilities of the Free University as a training center for students from the underdeveloped countries of the world and the development of the electrical industry of West Berlin as a vocational training center for students from these areas. Mr. Brandin, Mr. Murphy, Mr. Scarnier of USIA, and Mr. Slater of CU will form a sub-group to study the suggestions outlined in the memorandum. The German Embassy will be invited to participate in the discussions.

4. STF-21, Policy on Relation of EE Countries to Berlin Crisis

Mr. Kohler invited comments on this paper, distributed today, from the various agencies represented at the Task Force. It will be discussed tomorrow. A representative from EE will be asked to attend.

5. F-84 Incident

6. Berlin Kit

Mr. Kohler directed that the Berlin Kit be revised and supplemented in the light of recent developments in the Berlin Crisis. Mr. Meuthner and Mr. Stang working in conjunction with B will develop, reproduce, and distribute the revised document.

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7. Black Book

Mr. Kohler directed that three books distributed in May as a compilation of high-level background papers on Berlin will also be revised and up-dated. Complete new books will be prepared and distributed. Mr. Cash and Mr. Kautner were given this responsibility.

8. Reporting from Military Coordination Sub-group

Mr. Kohler said that reporting on the meetings of this sub-group had been late and asked that measures be taken to prepare and distribute, as soon after the meeting as possible, summary reports of these meetings. Defense members assured Mr. Kohler that reporting on these meetings would be handled expeditiously in future.

9. Defense Paper on Contingency Planning

General Gray stated that a Defense paper on contingency planning now being prepared by the Defense Department will be reviewed and revised.

10. Treasury Participation in Task Force Operations

Mr. Fowler stated that Treasury will retain a member on the Contingency Planning Sub-group but that the major part of the economic work has now been completed. A special Economic Sub-group is now making an internal study of the burden-sharing problem.

11. Radio RIAS

Mr. Boarder announced new developments at RIAS including four new sound-trucks, new antennas, and a face-lifting for the RIAS building. Some \$20,000 has been earmarked for this USIA program.

13. Anticipated Questions from the Press

Mr. Morris received guidance at his request on appropriate response to questions from the press on the following: a) the incident of the F-24's, b) the Soviet Note on this incident, c) the Berlin story in the New York Times of September 17th on French intransigence, and d) the movement of Bulgarian troops on the Turkish border.

14. Dealings with the NAC-Meissner-Magill

Mr. Magill discussed recent developments on the Norstad Directive before the NAC. Problems have developed in delineating the relationship between LIVE OAK and NATO and the criteria used in the Norstad Directive on the use of nuclear weapons. Mr. Kohler stated that Norstad should be in the best position to work these problems out with the NAC.